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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

From *Tuesday August* 15. to *Thursday August* 17. 1710.

From my own Apartment, August 16.

I HAVE had much Importunity to answer the following Letter:

Mr. Bickerstaff,

'Reading over a Volume of yours, I find the Words *Simplex Mundities* mentioned as a 'Description of a very well dressed Woman. I 'beg of you, for the Sake of the Sex, to explain these 'Terms. I cannot comprehend what my Brother 'means when he tells me, they signify my own 'Name, which is

Sir,

Your Humble Servant,

Plain English.

I think the Lady's Brother has given us a very good Idea of that elegant Expression, it being the greatest Beauty of Speech to be close and intelligible. To this End nothing is to be more carefully consulted than Plainness. In a Lady's Attire, this is the single Excellence: For to be what some call Fine, is the same Vice in that Case, as to be florid in Writing or Speaking. I have studied and writ on this important Subject till I almost despair of making a Reformation in the Females of this Island, where we have more Beauty than in any Spot in the Universe, if we did not disguise it by false Garniture, and detract from it by impertinent Improvements. I have by me a Treatise concerning Pinners, which I have some Hopes will contribute to the Amendment of the present Head-Dresses, to which I have solid and unanswerable Objections: But most of the Errors in that and other Particulars of adorning the Head are crept into the World from the Ignorance of modern Tire-Women. For it is come to that Pass, that an awkward Creature in the first Year of Apprenticeship, that can hardly stick a Pin, shall take upon her to dress a Woman of the First Quality. However, it is certain that there requires in a good Tire-Woman a perfect Skill in Opticks; for all the Force of Ornaments is to contribute to the Intention of the Eyes. Thus she who has a Mind to look killing, must arm her Face accordingly, and not leave her Eyes and Cheeks undressed. There is *Araminta* so sensible of this, that she never will see even her own Husband without a Hood on. Can any one living bear to see Miss *Grnell*, lean as she is, with her Hair tied back after the modern Way? But such is the Folly of our Ladies, that because one who is a Beauty, out of Ostentation of her being such, takes Care to wear something that she knows cannot be of any Consequence to her Complexion: I say, our Women run on so heedlessly in the Fashion, that though it is the Interest of some to hide as much of their Faces as possible, yet because a leading Toast appeared with a backward Head-dress, the rest shall follow the Mode, without observing that the Author of the Fashion assumed it because it could become no one but her self.

Flavia is ever well dressed, and always the genteelest Woman you meet: But the Make of her Mind very much contributes to the Ornament of her Body. She has the greatest Simplicity of Manners of any of her Sex. This makes every Thing look Native about her: And her Clothes are so exactly fitted, that they appear as it were Part of her Person. Every one that sees her, knows her to be of Quality; but her Distinction is owing to her Manner, and not to her Habit. Her Beauty is full of Attraction, but not of Allurement. There is such a Composure in her Looks, and Propriety in her Dress, that you would think it impossible she should change the Garb you one Day see her in, for any Thing so becoming, till you next Day see her in another. There is no other Mistery in this, but that however she is apparelled, she is her self the same: For there is so immediate a Relation between our Thoughts and Gestures, that a Woman must think well to look well.

But this weighty Subject I must put off for some other Matters, in which my Correspondents are urgent for Answers; which I shall do where I can, and appeal to the Judgment of others where I cannot.

Mr. *Bickerstaff*, *Aug.* 15. 1710.

'TAking the Air t'other Day on Horseback in 'the Green Lane that leads to *Southgate*, I 'discovered coming towards me a Person well 'mounted in a Mask; and I accordingly ex-'pected, as any one would, to have been robbed. 'But when we came up with each other, the 'Spark, to my greater Surprize, very peaceably gave

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'me the Way; which made me take Courage 'enough to ask him, If he maſqueraded, or how? 'He made me no Anſwer, but ſtill continued *incognito*. This was certainly an Aſs in a Lion's 'Skin; a harmleſs Bull-Beggar, who delights to 'fright innocent People, and ſet them a gallopping. 'I bethought my ſelf of putting as good a Jeſt upon him, and had turn'd my Horſe, with a 'Deſign to purſue him to *London*, and get him 'apprehended, on Suſpicion of being a Highway-'Man: But when I reflected, that 'twas the pro-'per Office of the Magiſtrate to puniſh only Knaves, 'and that we had a Cenſor of *Great Britain* for 'People of another Denomination, I immediately 'determined to proſecute him in your Court only. 'This unjuſtifiable Frolick I take to be neither 'Wit nor Humour: Therefore hope you will do 'me, and as many others as were that Day frighted, 'Juſtice. I am,

SIR,

Your Friend and Servant,

J. L.

SIR,

THE Gentleman begs your Pardon, and frighted you out of Fear of frighting you; for he is juſt come out of the Small-Pox.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'YOUR Diſtinction concerning the Time of 'commencing Virgins is allowed to be juſt. 'I write you my Thanks for it, in the Twenty 'eighth Year of my Life, and Twelfth of my 'Virginity. But I am to aſk you another Que-'ſtion, May a Woman be ſaid to live any more 'Years a Maid than ſhe continues to be courted?

I am, &c.

SIR, *Aug.* 15. 1710.

'I Obſerve that the *Poſt-Man* of *Saturday* laſt, 'giving an Account of the Action in *Spain*, has 'this elegant Turn of Expreſſion; *General* Stanhope, '*who in the whole Action expreſs'd as much Bravery 'as Conduct, receiv'd a Contuſion in his Right Shoul-'der.* I ſhould be glad to know, whether this 'cautious Politician means to commend or to ral-'ly him, by ſaying, *He expreſs'd as much Bravery 'as Conduct?* If you can explain this dubious 'Phraſe, it will inform the Publick, and oblige,

SIR,

Your humble Servant, &c.

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